

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ WHY JOIN ORCHESTRA?



➤ WILL I BE PLACED IN ORCHESTRA IF I PUT IN ON MY SCHEDULE?

Absolutely! Orchestra is never full! All you need to do is put orchestra as one of your 3 elective choices on your class registration.

➤ WHAT ORCHESTRA CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT MERRITT ISLAND HS?

Beginning Orchestra is for those students who have no previous experience playing on the violin, viola, cello, or bass.

Concert Orchestra is for those students who have at least one year of playing experience on the violin, viola, cello, or bass.

Sinfonietta Orchestra is the pre-honors orchestra ensemble and is for those students with advancing playing skills on the violin, viola, cello, or bass.

Symphonic Chamber Orchestra is the honors orchestra ensemble and is for those students with advanced playing skills on the violin, viola, cello, or bass.

➤ CAN I BE IN MORE THAN ONE ORCHESTRA CLASS?

Yes! There are many students who take more than one orchestra class to learn multiple instruments. All you need to do is simply sign-up on your class registration.

➤ HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE IN ORCHESTRA?

There is no orchestra fee. While most students will rent-to-own an instrument (\$20-30 a month) from a music store, there are school instruments available to rent for \$60 for the school year. Whether you rent from the school or store, every student will have a quality instrument to play. Scholarships for qualifying students are available for materials and instruments. No student will be denied being in orchestra for financial reasons.

➤ WHAT IS THE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMITMENT FOR ORCHESTRA?

In Concert, Sinfonietta, and Symphonic Chamber Orchestras, students perform in 3 concerts during the school year. In rare instances, there is some additional practice commitments for those students in the more advanced groups.

➤ CAN I BE A PART OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND BE IN ORCHESTRA?

Yes! In orchestra, students are involved in many activities from other music classes to athletics. Ms. Butler encourages all orchestra students in all their interests.